

AN ACT in relation to public health.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,
represented in the General Assembly:

Section 5. The Vital Records Act is amended by adding
Section 20.5 as follows:

(410 ILCS 535/20.5 new)

Sec. 20.5. Certificate of stillbirth.

(a) The State Registrar shall prescribe and distribute a form for a certificate of stillbirth. The certificate shall be in the same format as a certificate of live birth prepared under Section 12 and shall be filed in the same manner as a certificate of live birth.

(b) After each fetal death that occurs in this State after a gestation period of at least 26 completed weeks, the person who files a fetal death certificate in connection with that death as required under Section 20 shall, only upon request by the woman who delivered the stillborn fetus, also prepare a certificate of stillbirth. The person shall prepare the certificate on the form prescribed and furnished by the State Registrar and in accordance with the rules adopted by the State Registrar.

(c) If the stillborn's parent or parents do not wish to provide a name for the stillborn, the person who prepares the certificate of stillbirth shall leave blank any references to the stillborn's name.

(d) When a stillbirth occurs in this State and the stillbirth has not been registered within one year after the delivery, a certificate marked "delayed" may be filed and registered in accordance with regulations adopted by the State Registrar. The certificate must show on its face the date of registration.

(e) In the case of a fetal death that occurred in this State after a gestation period of at least 26 completed weeks and before the effective date of this amendatory Act of the 93rd General Assembly, a parent of the stillborn child may request that the person who filed a fetal death certificate in connection with that death as required under Section 20 shall also prepare a certificate of stillbirth with respect to the fetus. If a parent of a stillborn makes such a request under this subsection (e), the person who filed a fetal death certificate shall prepare the certificate of stillbirth and file it with the designated registrar within 30 days after the request by the parent.

Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon becoming law.